Hints for reading Shakespeare

Strange words:

Some words no longer in use: **Doublet**

Some words are use to build scene: **Tiber River, Ides of March**

Watch for words with different meanings: **mechanical/working men**

in several hands/in different handwriting

Strange Sentences:

Subject-Verb switch: **Goes he. (He goes.)**

Object before subject and verb: **Him I hit. (I hit him.)**

Interruptions in sentence construction: "**I will throw writings in his windows."**

becomes: "**I will this night in several hands in at his windows throw, as if they came from several citizens, writings, all tending to the great opinion that Rome holds of his name…."**

Omissions: "**But wherefore art not in thy shop today?" "Who so firm."**

Puns: 1) **soul/sole** **2)Cobbler/bungler or shoemaker**

Metaphors: **"There is a tide in the affairs of men…"**